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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EEC,XF  
SUBJECT: EC CONSULTATIONS ON MIDEAST IN COPENHAGEN

REF: (A) BRUSSELS 6547, (B) BRUSSELS 6576

1. RELIABLE FONOFF SOURCES HAVE GENERALLY CONFIRMED  
REF A REPORT OF EC-9 POLITICAL COMMITTEE EFFORT AT  
COPENHAGEN TO DEVELOP SEPARATE DEMARCHES TO ISRAEL  
AND THE ARAB STATES. AS INDICATED REF A, DEMARCHE  
TO ISRAEL WAS DESIGNED TO BE REASSURING CONCERNING  
EC-9 INTENTIONS WHILE DEMARCHE TO ARABS EMPHASIZED  
EC (AS WELL AS ARAB) SOLIDARITY AND GENTLY CAUTIONED  
ARABS NOT TO OVERPLAY THEIR HAND ON OIL.

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2. IN THE END, ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ELUDED THE NINE

DUE TO WHAT OUR SOURCES CALLED THE "DEVILISHLY COMPLEX" CONFLICT OF INTRA-COMMUNITY NATIONAL INTERESTS AND THE DIVERGENT CONCEPTIONS OF HOW BEST TO CONTRIBUTE TO A LONG-RANGE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ON THE LATTER POINT, OUR SOURCE SAID THE DUTCH, GERMANS AND SOME OTHERS EMPHASIZED THAT EC EFFORTS MUST NOT BURDEN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MISSION IN THE MIDEAST, WHILE THE FRENCH UNDERLINED THE NEED FOR "SEPARATENESS" OF EC ROLE. ALL POL DIRECTORS, HOWEVER, ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO "EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION" TO MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THERE WAS A STRONG FEELING AT COPENHAGEN THAT NINE'S APPROACH TO MIDEAST WOULD HAVE PROFOUND EFFORTS ON THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY; A YEAR AGO, SAID OUR SOURCE, SUCH A PROBLEM "WOULD HAVE LED TO THE BREAK UP OF THE COMMUNITY." FONOFF REP SAID COPENHAGEN PC MEETING WAS SERIOUS EFFORT TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES. HE SAID FOCUS WAS ON INTRA-COMMUNITY DIFFERENCES, UNLIKE NOV 5-6 MEETING IN BRUSSELS, WHERE MINISTERS AND POL DIRECTORS WERE VENTING THEIR GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE U.S. OVER LACK OF CONSULTATIONS AND, PARTICULARLY IN THE FRENCH CASE, BEING IGNORED.

4. GIVEN FAILURE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON NEXT EC STEPS, POL DIRECTORS BUMPED MIDEAST PROBLEM UP TO THE MINISTERS FOR DISCUSSION AT THEIR NOV 20 MEETING. MEANWHILE, MIDEAST WORKING GROUP CONTINUES TO OPERATE ACCORDING TO GENERAL MANDATE TO CONSIDER FOLLOW UP TO NOV 6 DECLARATION, INCLUDING BOTH INTERNATIONAL PEACE GUARANTEE AND

UPDATING OF EARLIER EC-9 PAPERS ON THE MIDDLE EAST.  
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